

# ... and another thing

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## The 20th Century City And Beyond

Of the cities founded in the 20th century, Las Vegas is officially the largest city in America. As of the 2000 U.S. Census, the city that started the century as a water stop along the Union Pacific railroad line between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles with a population of 800 hearty souls (most of them living in tents) was the 32nd largest city in America with a population of 478,630. The population nearly doubled from 1990, when Las Vegas had a population of 258,295, and was the 63rd largest city in the country.

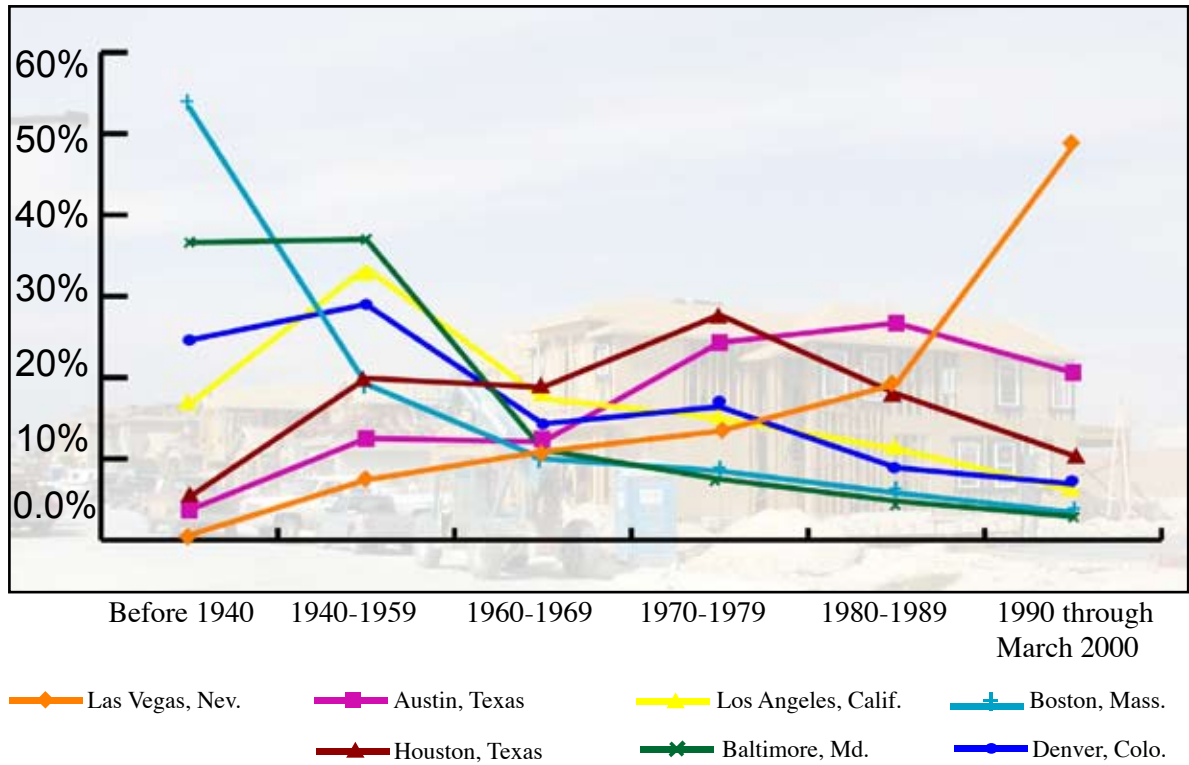
Recent estimates from the Census Bureau show Las Vegas with a 2005 population of 545,000, making it the nation's 29th largest city. The most recent population estimate conducted by the city's Planning and Development Department in July 2005, showed Las Vegas' population had reached 575,973. That figure would place Las Vegas as the 23rd largest city in America.

A comparison to other cities in the country illustrates why Las Vegas population growth is racing up the list of large cities faster than a fanny-packed tourist at a Vegas buffet. Table 1 below, along with the charts on the reverse page, compare Las Vegas' dwelling unit growth to other American cities through Census 2000. Nearly half of all dwelling units in Las Vegas were built between 1990 and March 2000. Approximately two-thirds of all dwelling units in the city were built between 1980 and Census 2000. And the beat goes on — since April of 2000, Las Vegas has added more than 31,000 new housing units. *Yikes!*

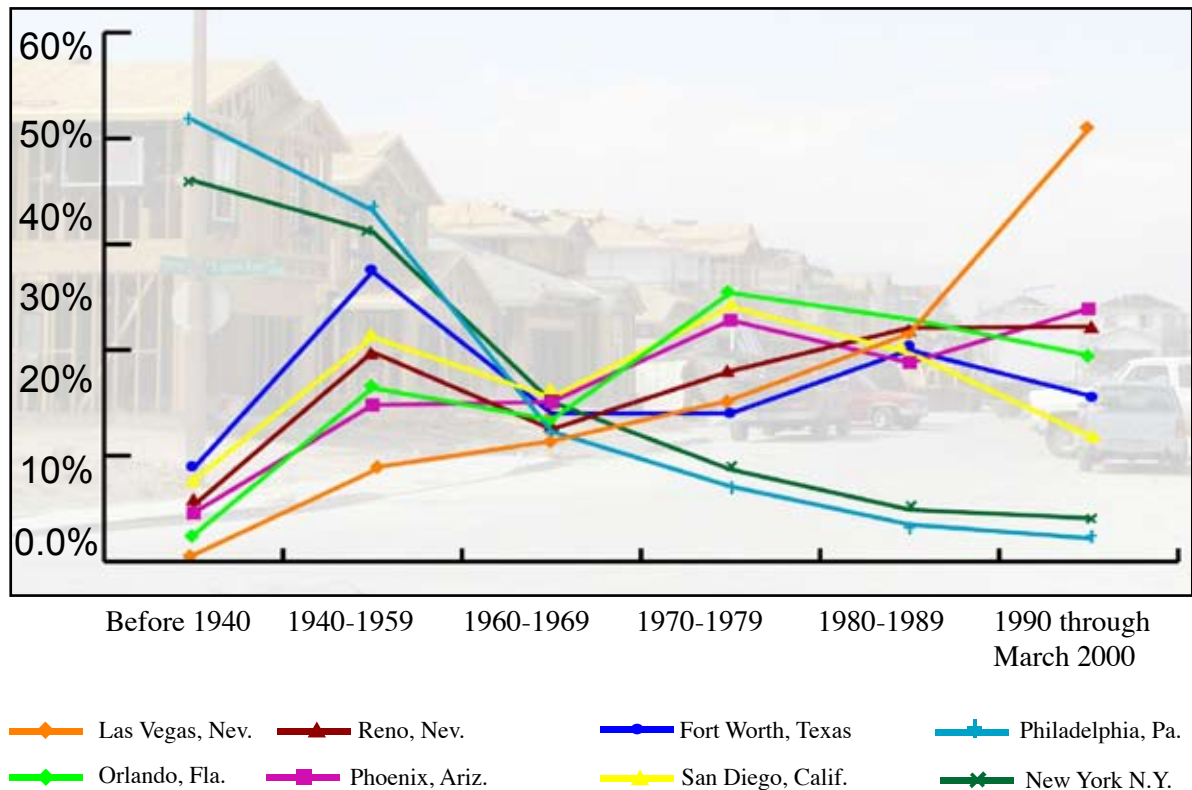
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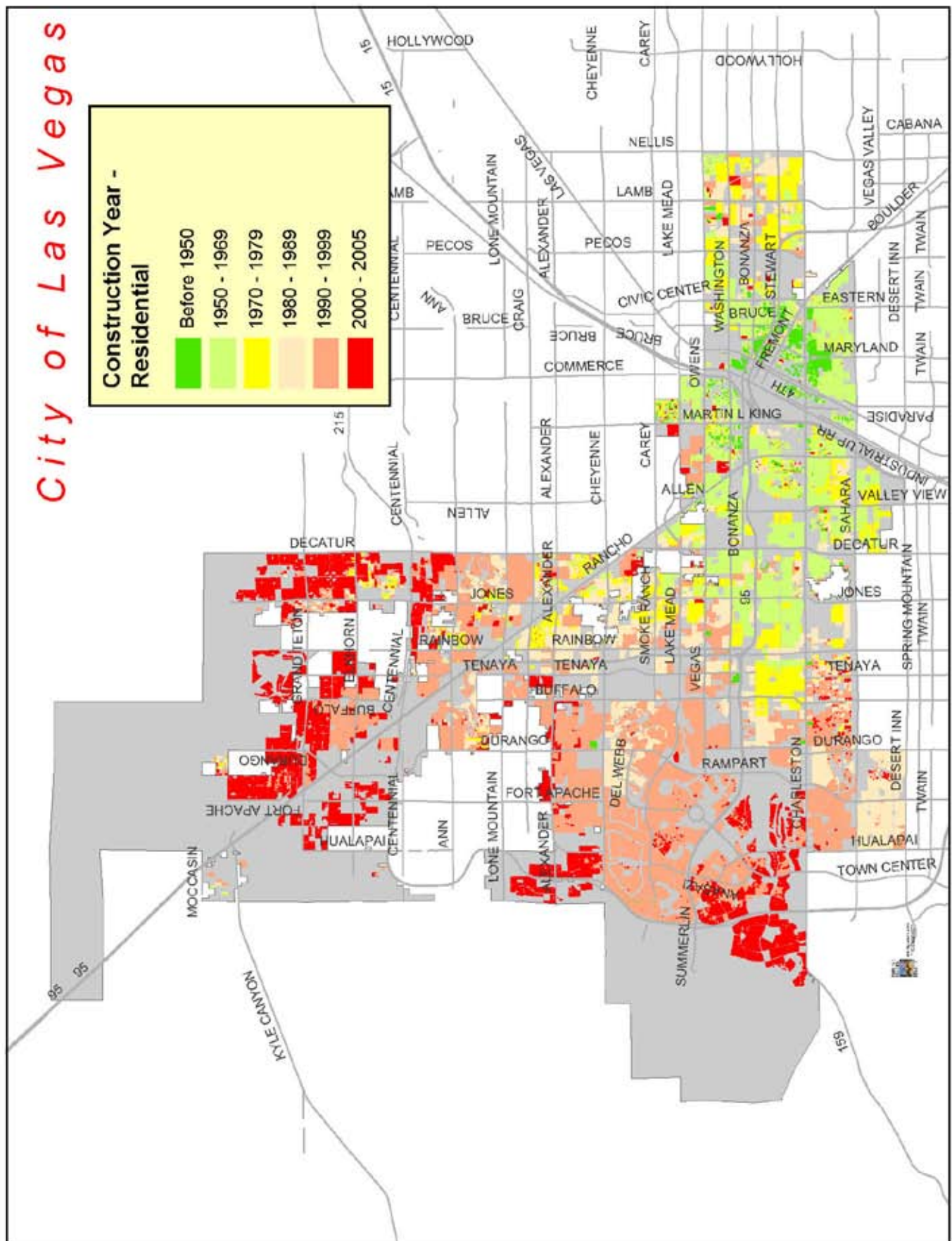
City	Before 1940	1940-1959	1960-1969	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-thru March 2000
Las Vegas, Nev.	0.6%	7.4%	10.9%	13.4%	19.2%	48.5%
Reno, Nev.	4.6%	14.8%	15.1%	22.8%	18.8%	23.9%
Orlando, Fla.	5.3%	19.8%	12.5%	18.0%	22.1%	22.2%
Austin, Texas	3.7%	12.5%	12.1%	24.3%	26.7%	20.6%
Phoenix, Ariz.	2.5%	16.4%	13.4%	25.4%	22.9%	19.5%
Fort Worth, Texas	8.8%	27.4%	14.0%	14.0%	20.0%	15.7%
San Diego, Calif.	7.7%	21.2%	15.5%	24.1%	19.7%	11.9%
Houston, Texas	5.3%	19.9%	18.8%	27.7%	18.0%	10.4%
Denver, Colo.	24.6%	29.0%	14.3%	16.4%	8.9%	6.9%
Los Angeles, Calif.	16.7%	33.5%	17.4%	15.0%	11.2%	6.1%
New York, N.Y.	36.0%	31.2%	15.1%	8.7%	4.9%	4.1%
Boston, Mass.	53.2%	19.2%	10.0%	8.5%	5.8%	3.4%
Baltimore, Md.	36.6%	37.0%	11.1%	7.5%	4.8%	2.9%
Philadelphia, Pa.	41.7%	33.2%	12.3%	7.1%	3.5%	2.2%

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# Interesting Facts

Are you sitting down? We compiled a list of the 100 largest U.S. Cities in 2004 according to the 2006 U.S. Census Bureau. Here's some of the interesting (a relative term) facts we dug up. *Hang on to something!*

<b>Cities with over one million population</b>		
1	New York, N.Y.	8,104,000
2	Los Angeles, Calif.	3,846,000
3	Chicago, Ill.	2,862,000
4	Houston, Texas	2,013,000
5	Philadelphia, Pa.	1,470,000
6	Phoenix, Ariz.	1,418,000
7	San Diego, Calif.	1,264,000
8	San Antonio, Texas	1,236,000
9	Dallas, Texas	1,210,000

## What it took to make the Top 100 list:

- It took a population of 198,000 or more to make the list.

## Who made the list:

- California has 18 cities in the top 100
- Texas has 12 cities in the top 100
- Tied with Florida for six cities in the top 100, Arizona.
- Nevada has as many cities in the top 100 as New York - three - Las Vegas (29), Henderson (78), and Reno (100)
- Nevada has more cities in the top 100 than New Jersey (2), Pennsylvania (2), Illinois (1), Maryland (1) and Michigan (1).

## Where the masses aren't:

- Only Boston made the list in New England.
- Northern Plain states were shutout with nary a single representative on the list.
- "Directional" states did poorly, only North Carolina, with four cities, had any cities on the list.

## The Big Picture:

- The top 100 cities have a total population of approximately 58 million. That's only 20 percent of the total population for the United States.

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